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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN; ARA/AND/B AND SCS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CARR, BL

SUBJECT: US PRISONERS: ALLEGED ATTEMPT AT BRIBERY IN
SANTA CRUZ

REF: BARNEBY/BEAL TELCON JULY 22

1. MINISTER OF INTERIOR PEREDA WAS TIED UP AT USUAL FRIDAY CABINET MEETING AND IN ORDER AVOID DELAY I DISCUSSED MATTER WITH SUBSECRETARY OF JUSTICE BALLIVIAN. I TOLD BALLIVIAN MATTER WAS VERY SENSITIVE. WASHINGTON WAS GREATLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR SAFETY OF PRISONERS AND WISHED HIGH BOLIVIAN AUTHORITY TO KNOW OF SITUATION AT ONCE. BALLIVIAN SAID THAT MATTER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP PERSONALLY WITH MINISTER AND IS ARRANGING APPOINTMENT FOR ME SOONEST.

2. WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANCE OF PRISONERS STATEMENTS, I DESCRIBED SUBSTANCE OF THEIR DECLARATIONS BUT DID NOT REVEAL NAMES OF BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS IN SANTA CRUZ, RESERVING THIS FOR INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER.

3. BALLIVIAN WAS OBVIOUSLY SHOCKED AND GREATLY CONCERNED. HE DID NOT WISH TO SUGGEST ANY ACTION, HOWEVER, UNTIL
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THE MINISTER WAS INFORMED AND EVIDENTLY WISHED TO LEAVE THE DECISION UP TO PEREDA. DURING DISCUSSION I INQUIRED WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE TO MOVE PRISONERS TO ANOTHER JURISDICTION SUCH AS LAS PAZ IF THIS SEEMED TO BE ADVISABLE. BALLIVIAN CALLED DISTRICT FISCAL SIMBRON ON PHONE AND WITHOUT REVEALING ANY DETAILS OF SITUATION ASKED WHETHER TRANSFER OF PRISONERS WAS POSSIBLE IN CASE WHERE

PRISONER'S PERSONAL SAFETY MIGHT BE THREATENED. SIMBRON SAID THIS WAS POSSIBLE BUT INITIAL ACTION WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN BY SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT FISCAL. WE DID NOT DISCUSS TRANSFER FURTHER BUT LEFT THIS AS SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE GIVEN FUTURE CONSIDERATION AFTER THE MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MINISTER PEREDA.

4. WILL REPORT RESULTS OF CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER AS SOON AS I AM ABLE TO SEE HIM.
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